Show-cause notice to BBA

2220. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY :

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO :

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bombay Bullion Association has been rigging and manipulating the price over the decades while arriving at the daily gold rates;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the MRTPC issued show-cause notice to the BBA in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the BBA in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) to (c) The MRTP Commission, which is a quasi-judicial body, has held that the practice of quoting the gold/silver prices by the Bombay Bullion Association (BBA) without mentioning that the prices quoted are indicative and not based upon actual trading, is a deceptive and unfair trade practice within the meaning of section 36A of the MRTP Act, 1969. Consequently, the MRTP Commission passed a "Cease & Desist" order against BBA on 06-01-1999.

The MRTP Commission has informed that a show-cause notice under section 50(2) of the MRTP Act, 1969 was issued against BBA on 29-06-2001 for not complying with the order of the Commission dated 06-01-1999. The BBA filed a Review application but the same was dismissed by the Commission on 18-10-2001.

Cases settled by Lok Adalats

2221. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases settled by the Lok Adalats in the year 2000-2001; and

(b) the number of Lok Adalats held during the year 2000-2001 in different States ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) and (b) A Statement showing number of cases settled and Lok Adalats held, State-wise, during the financial year 2000-2001 is enclosed.

Statement

Number of cases settled by the Lok Adalats and number of Lok Adalats held, State-wise during the financial year 2000-2001

Sl. No.	Name of the States	No. of Lok Adalat held	No. of cases settled
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4,283	79,454
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—
3.	Assam	28	9,435
4.	Bihar	149	15,761
5.	Goa	55	424
6.	Gujarat	16,728	16,25,882
7.	Haryana	91	21,657
8.	Himachal Pradesh	316	3,019
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	110	3,116
10.	Karnataka	333	20,839
11.	Kerala	1,114	11,575
12.	Madhya Pradesh	817	27,893
13.	Maharashtra	580	16,770
14.	Manipur	1	32
15.	Meghalaya	2	449
16.	Mizoram	27	40
17.	Nagaland	2	30
18.	Orissa	348	2,64,133
19.	Punjab	103	4,143
20.	Rajasthan	4,470	3,24,634
21.	Sikkim	54	185
22.	Tamil Nadu	881	7,203

1	2	3	4	5
23.	Tripura		2	242
24.	Uttar Pradesh		610	2,40,700
25.	West Bengal		175	4,777
26.	Andaman & Nicobar		3	46
27.	U. T. Chandigarh		7	7,650
28.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli		2	310
29.	Daman & Diu		1	42
30.	Delhi		281	7,541
31.	Lakshadweep		—	—
32.	Pondicherry		4	302
	TOTAL :		**31,577**	**26,98,284**

Revision of Electoral Rolls

2222. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether revision of electoral rolls in the entire country is progressing satisfactorily;

(b) by when the revision work is likely to be completed; and

(c) other details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUNA JAITLEY) : (a) The Election Commission has informed that it has ordered revision of electoral rolls in the entire country with reference to 1st January, 2002 as the qualifying date. As per the information available with the Commission, the work of revision of rolls is progressing satisfactorily.

(b) and (c) A Statement showing the programme of revision of electoral rolls is laid on the Table of the House (*See* below) The process of revision is completed on final publication of rolls in each State.